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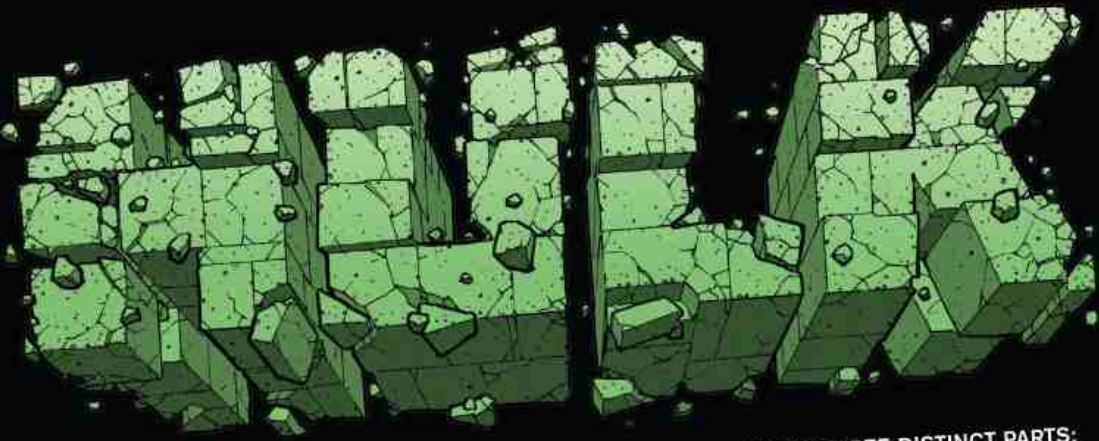
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Unfriendly Neighborhood
SPIDER-HULK

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BRUCE BANNER HAS SOMEHOW MANAGED TO SPLIT THE HULK INTO THREE DISTINCT PARTS: THE HULK'S BODY HAS BEEN TURNED INTO A STARSHIP. BANNER'S PSYCHE PILOTS IT FROM WITHIN THE HULK'S MIND. AND THE HULK'S PSYCHE FUELS THE STARSHIP WITH HIS ANGER, WHICH BANNER HARNESSSES BY LOCKING THE HULK IN THE "ENGINE ROOM" AND SENDING ESCALATING LEVELS OF OPPONENTS FOR HIM TO FIGHT.

HULK WAS PULLED INTO AN ALTERNATE REALITY BY ANOTHER VERSION OF BRUCE BANNER, ONE WHO NEVER BECAME THE HULK. AND RATHER THAN HEROES, THIS REALITY HAS "ABOMINATIONS"--VICTIMS OF RADIATION FROM THE GAMMA BOMBS THIS REALITY'S BANNER SUCCESSFULLY DEVELOPED AND THAT HIS FATHER-IN-LAW, PRESIDENT THUNDERBOLT ROSS, THEN USED TO ESTABLISH THE UNITED STATES AS THE UNDISPUTED GLOBAL SUPERPOWER.

THIS REALITY'S BANNER HAS WATCHED HUNDREDS OF "ABOMINATIONS" BE CREATED AND DESTROYED AND HAD HOPED TO STUDY STARSHIP HULK TO FIND A CURE AND ATONE FOR HIS PART IN THE VIOLENCE. BUT BEFORE THE TWO BANNERS COULD COME TO AN AGREEMENT, PRESIDENT ROSS ATTACKED THEM WITH EVERY GAMMA WEAPON IN HIS ARSENAL--INCLUDING A GAMMA-IRRADIATED PETER PARKER!

"SMASHTRONAUT!"

..... *part five*

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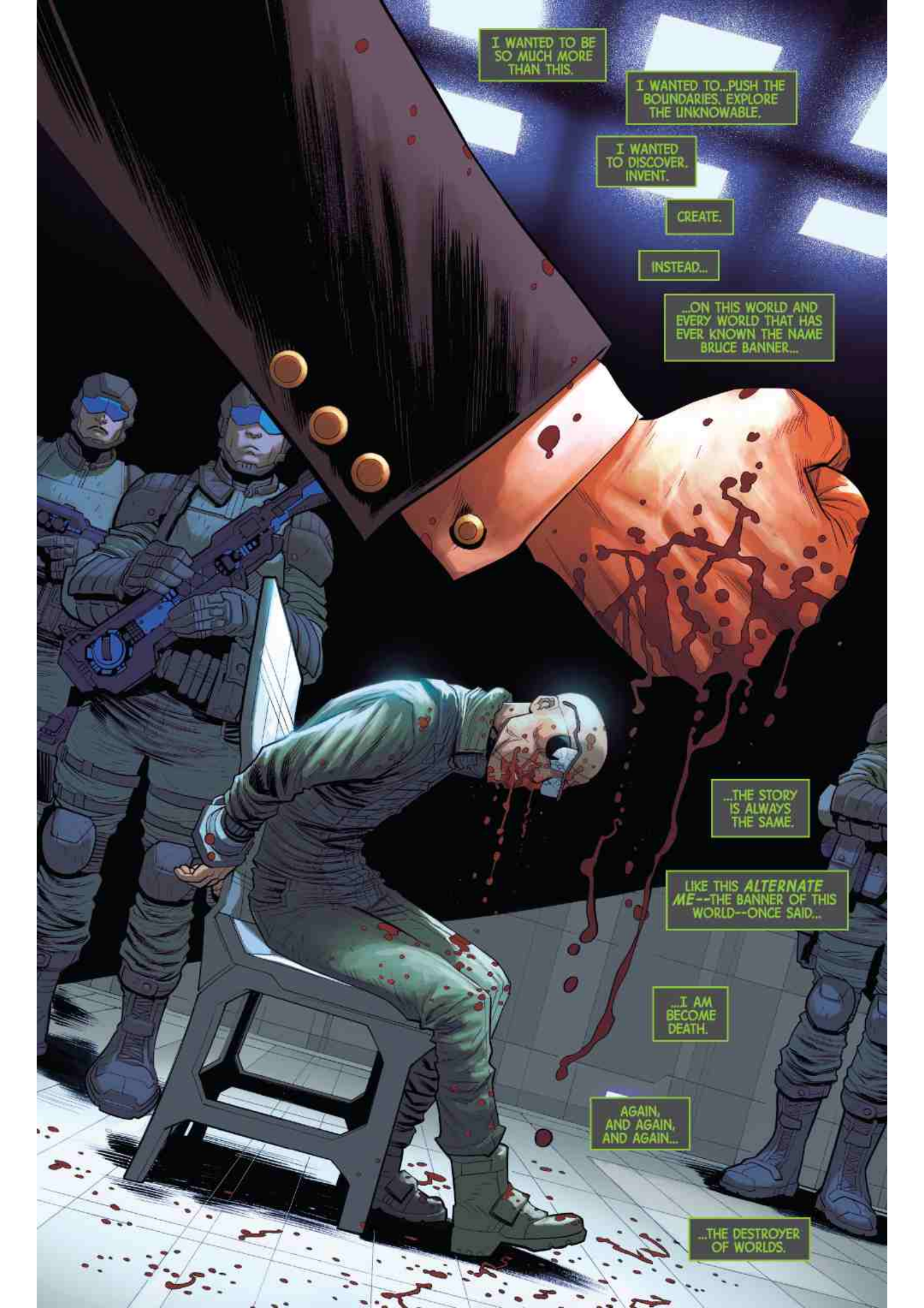
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I WANTED TO BE
SO MUCH MORE
THAN THIS.

I WANTED TO...PUSH THE
BOUNDARIES, EXPLORE
THE UNKNOWNABLE.

I WANTED
TO DISCOVER.
INVENT.

CREATE.

INSTEAD...

...ON THIS WORLD AND
EVERY WORLD THAT HAS
EVER KNOWN THE NAME
BRUCE BANNER...

...THE STORY
IS ALWAYS
THE SAME.

LIKE THIS *ALTERNATE*
ME--THE BANNER OF THIS
WORLD--ONCE SAID...

...I AM
BECOME
DEATH.

AGAIN,
AND AGAIN,
AND AGAIN...

...THE DESTROYER
OF WORLDS.



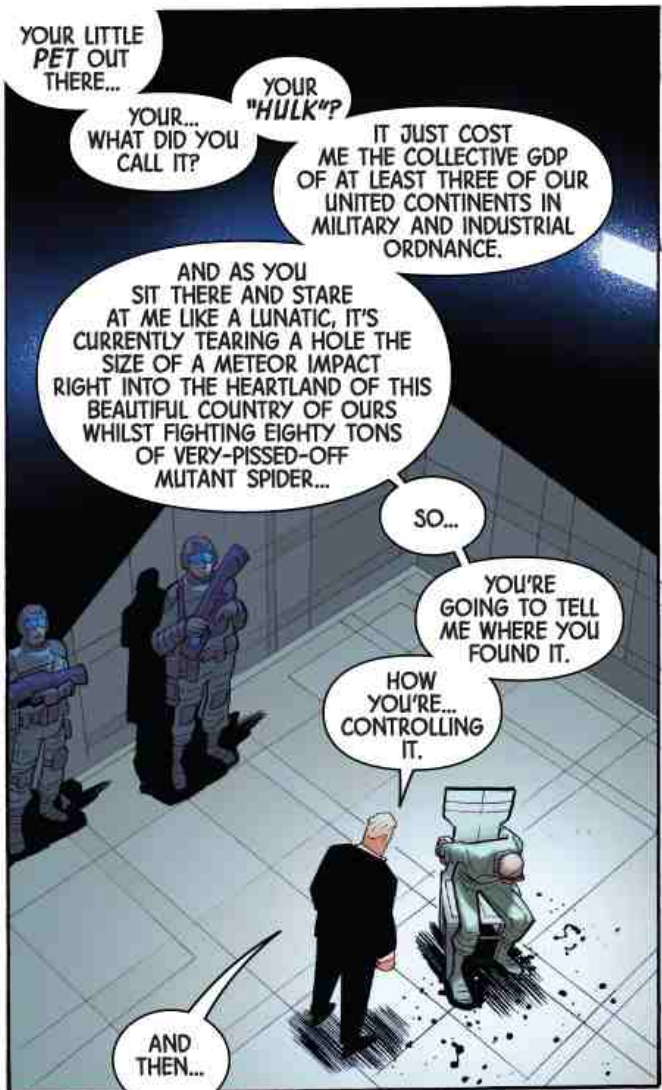
AND TO THINK...

NOW...



...I USED TO BLAME IT ON THE BOMB.

...SHALL WE TRY AGAIN?



YOUR LITTLE PET OUT THERE...

YOUR... WHAT DID YOU CALL IT?

YOUR "HULK"?

IT JUST COST ME THE COLLECTIVE GDP OF AT LEAST THREE OF OUR UNITED CONTINENTS IN MILITARY AND INDUSTRIAL ORDNANCE.

AND AS YOU SIT THERE AND STARE AT ME LIKE A LUNATIC, IT'S CURRENTLY TEARING A HOLE THE SIZE OF A METEOR IMPACT RIGHT INTO THE HEARTLAND OF THIS BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY OF OURS WHILST FIGHTING EIGHTY TONS OF VERY-PISSED-OFF MUTANT SPIDER...

SO...

YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME WHERE YOU FOUND IT.

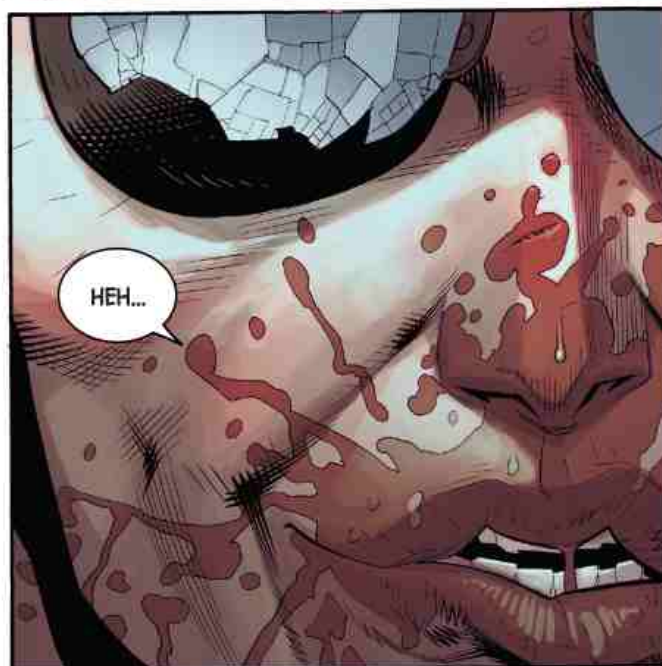
HOW YOU'RE... CONTROLLING IT.

AND THEN...



...YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME HOW TO KILL IT.

I HAD HOPED...



HEH...



...HOPED TO FIND SOME SOLACE IN A WORLD FAR AWAY FROM THE ONE I HAD BROKEN.

HAI
HAHAHA!!!



FAR AWAY FROM
THE PEOPLE I HURT.

"KILL
IT!"

HAHAHA!!!



WHO
HURT ME.

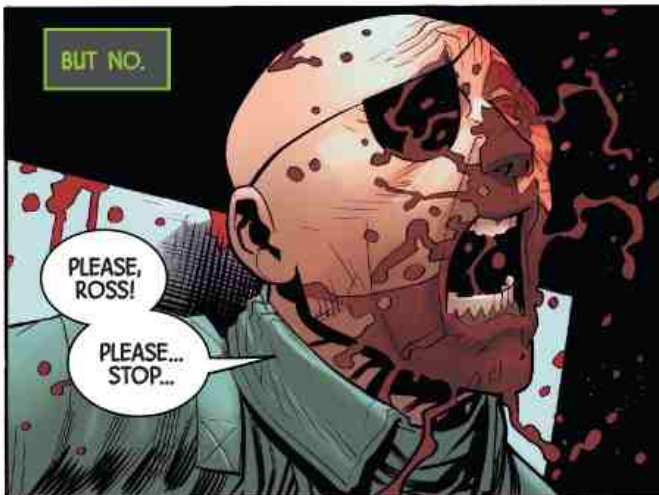


WHO
LOVED ME.



WHO
FEARED ME.

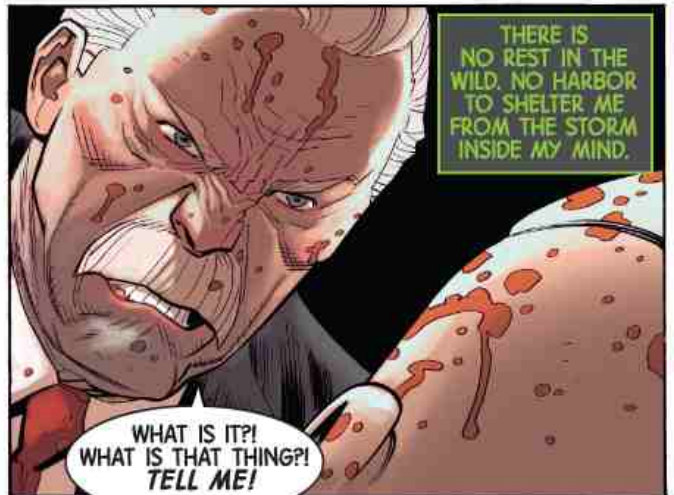
WHO
NEEDED ME.



BUT NO.

PLEASE,
ROSS!

PLEASE...
STOP...



THERE IS
NO REST IN THE
WILD. NO HARBOR
TO SHELTER ME
FROM THE STORM
INSIDE MY MIND.

WHAT IS IT?!
WHAT IS THAT THING?!
TELL ME!



NO LAND THAT I CAN
TREAD UPON THAT WOULD
NOT NAME ME RUIN.

HE...

HE'S
ME...

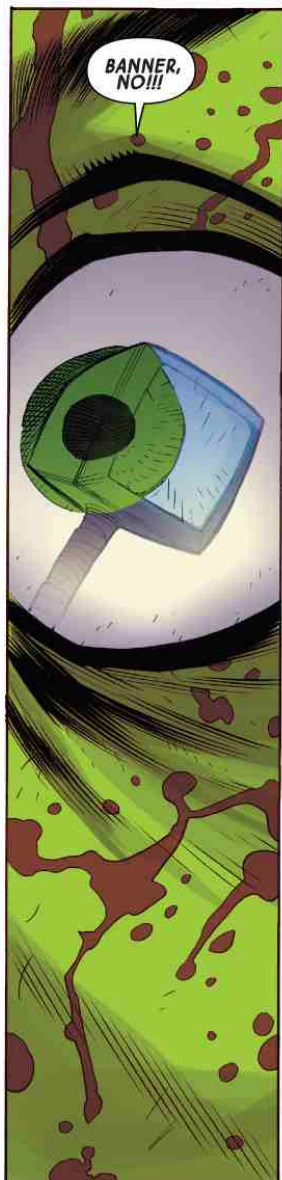


...WHEN
I'M ANGRY.





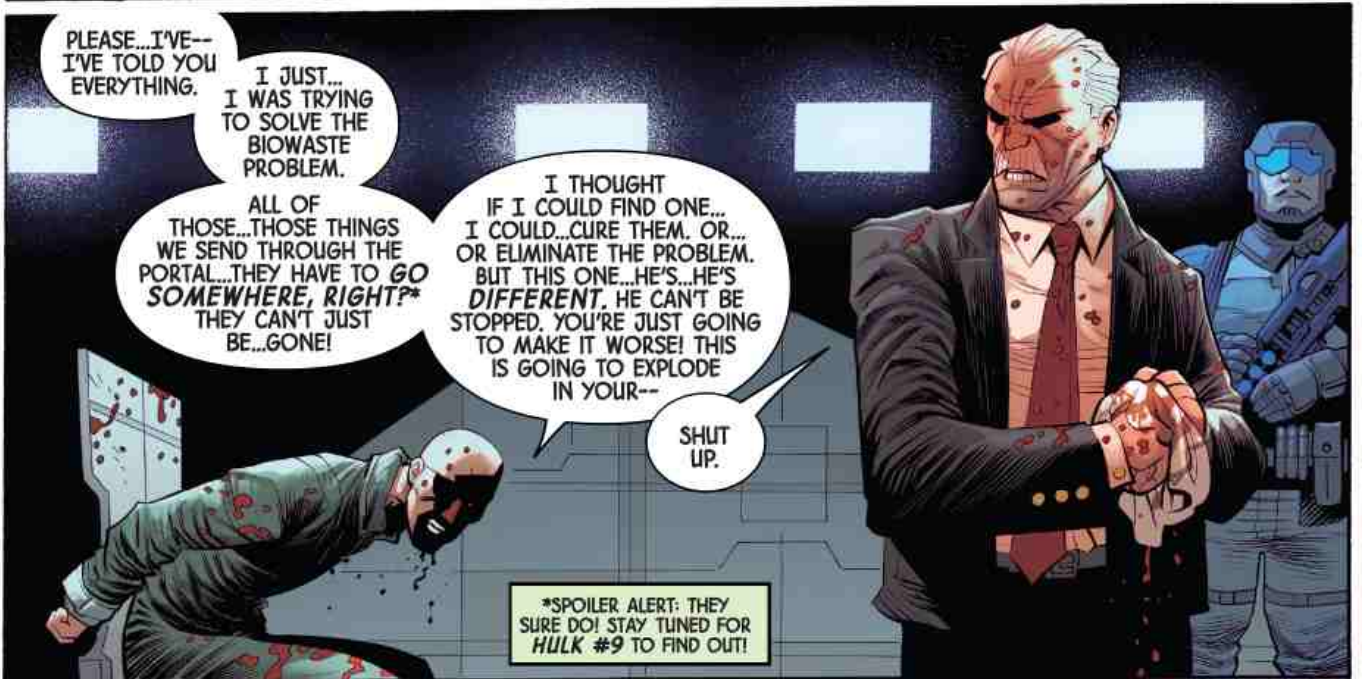








YOU
HAVE TO
STOP!



PLEASE...I'VE--
I'VE TOLD YOU
EVERYTHING.

I JUST...
I WAS TRYING
TO SOLVE THE
BIOWASTE
PROBLEM.

ALL OF
THOSE...THOSE THINGS
WE SEND THROUGH THE
PORTAL...THEY HAVE TO GO
SOMEWHERE, RIGHT?
THEY CAN'T JUST
BE...GONE!

I THOUGHT
IF I COULD FIND ONE...
I COULD...CURE THEM. OR...
OR ELIMINATE THE PROBLEM.
BUT THIS ONE...HE'S...HE'S
DIFFERENT. HE CAN'T BE
STOPPED. YOU'RE JUST GOING
TO MAKE IT WORSE! THIS
IS GOING TO EXPLODE
IN YOUR--

SHUT
UP.

*SPOILER ALERT: THEY
SURE DO! STAY TUNED FOR
HULK #9 TO FIND OUT!



WHY DON'T YOU BOYS
EXCUSE ME AND THE
GOOD DOCTOR FOR
A MOMENT.

SIR? IS
THAT--?

I'LL
BE FINE,
SON.

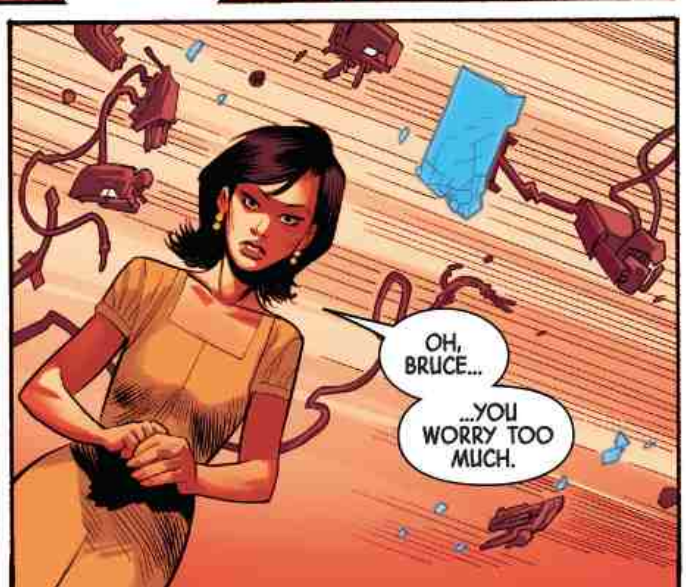


BANNER
WOULDN'T HURT
A FLY.



ISN'T
THAT
RIGHT?







NOW
THAT WE'RE
ALONE...

...LET'S CHAT.
LET'S BE REAL,
REAL HONEST,
OKAY, SON?

I APPRECIATE
YOU TRYING TO
SOLVE OUR LITTLE
MONSTER PROBLEM...
I REALLY DO.

BUT YOU
SEE...THE TRUTH
OF IT IS...



...THEM THINGS
COME IN VERY
HANDY NOW
AND THEN...



NO...



OH, NOT
ALL OF THEM,
OF COURSE.

THE WEAK
ONES WE TOSS
INTO THAT
LITTLE PORTAL
TRASH CAN OF
YOURS.

WE ONLY
KEEP THE **STRONG**
ONES. WE HAD SOME
HELP FROM A FELLA
NAMED **RICHARDS**. HE
HELPED US...LEASH THEM.
MAKE THEM MORE...
COMPLIANT.

MORE
COOPERATIVE.

YOU...
YOU'RE
SICK...

NO,
SON. I'M A
PATRIOT.



HEH
HEH. COME
ON...

...HOW DID
YOU THINK WE
WON ALL THEM
WARS?



YOU
CAN'T BLAME
EVERYTHING ON
THE BOMB,
SON.



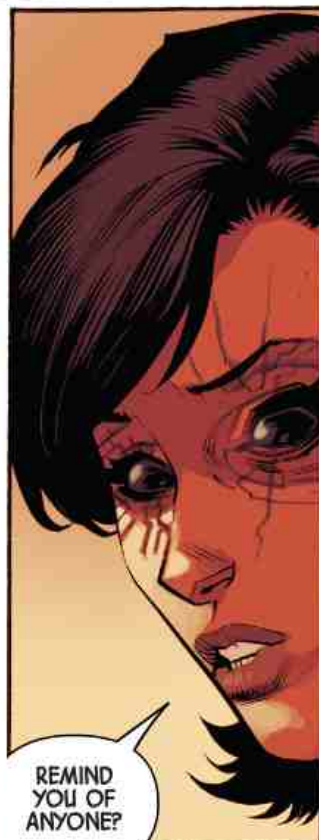
BETTY...
HELP ME.
PLEASE!

WHATEVER'S
HAPPENING OUT
THERE, I HAVE TO BE
IN CONTROL. I HAVE
TO FIGHT BACK!



LOOK
AT YOU.

HELPLESS.
TRAPPED. AT THE
MERCY OF FORCES
AND VIOLENCE
OUT OF YOUR
CONTROL...



REMINDE
YOU OF
ANYONE?



BETTY...WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?



YOU REALLY
NEVER LISTEN,
DO YOU?
I
TOLD YOU,
BRUCE...



...BETTY
ISN'T REAL.



STAGE SIX: DEMONS.





YOU--YOU'RE A
MONSTER! YOU
CAN'T DO THIS!



OH, I
ALREADY
HAVE.

YOUR
LITTLE
EXPERIMENT
IS OVER.



PSSHHH



NO. NO,
YOU...

YOU CAN'T
JUST USE THEM
LIKE THAT!

THOSE ARE
PEOPLE!!!



RRRRRR



OH, GROW
UP.

THOSE
AREN'T
PEOPLE
ANYMORE,
BRUCE...

"...THEY'RE
ABOMINATIONS."

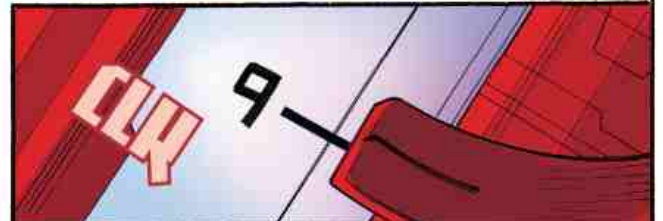
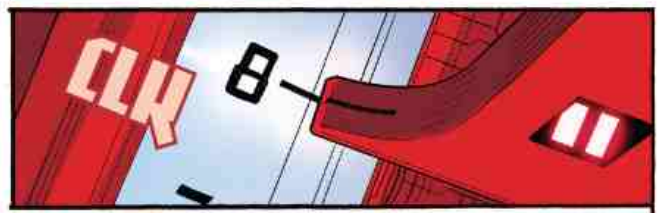
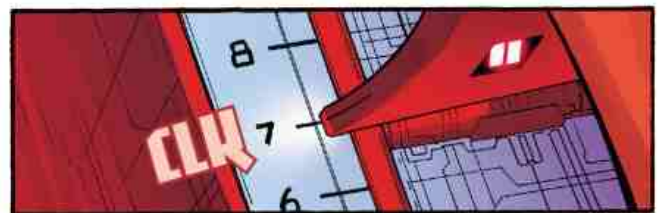


AGHHHH!!!
PLEASE!!!



IT REALLY IS
SPECTACULAR,
ISN'T IT?







GROUND CONTROL TO **STARSHIP HULK**

Hello, readers, and welcome back to the HULK letters page! Thank you all for your name suggestions for this page—we hope you like the winning suggestion! Please enjoy a selection of responses we've received for HULK #1-3, and keep sending us your letters!

Greetings, Gamma Gang!

I just finished HULK #3 and I am very intrigued. Who is this "dark" Hulk? Where will this all lead? I also can't wait to see the Big Green guy smashing these Hulks from another dimension. I feel this HULK run is exactly what I needed. Donny Cates is taking us on a wild ride. I love that Hulk is traveling through space instead of just being hunted by the military here on earth. Ryan Ottley's art is Big, Bold and Powerful! A perfect fit. I can't wait to see where this is all going. It's like watching some crazy sci-fi movie. When I read these issues, I want to grab a bowl of popcorn and settle in for the adventure. I have a feeling Cates has something really mind-blowing for us, and I am glad I am here to see it!

Steven Nowak

Jolly jumping giants! This new HULK book is incredible. No one has made me love Marvel powerhouses like Donny Cates. HULK is not only one of the best written books at Marvel, but it's also one of the best looking. So far, all three issues have been superb. This book isn't anything like I expected, and I could not be happier. I'd be remiss not to also thank Cliff Rathburn, Frank Martin, Federico Blee and Cory

Petit for helping make this book totally awesome. Thanks so much to everyone at Marvel. Keep rampaging.

Luke Odom

Hello, Mr. Cates & Mr. Ottley, I hope all is well with you guys. Thank you again for providing us with another issue of this prospective all-time run on HULK 'cause, good God, you guys KILLED it with this issue. I love and admire the fact that you guys are diving in more and more into the anger and rage of Bruce Banner and the Hulk and how it drives and feeds them both. As a guy who suffered a lot growing up from bullying and teasing which resulted in me developing huge amounts of anger and frustration due to the acts of others, I resonate heavily with the characters of Bruce Banner and the "Savage" Hulk. Your version has shown me that anger and rage, despite being negative emotions, can be used to achieve incredible feats and to help others if used in a positive manner. I am interested, like many fans and admirers of this comic, in if the entity that has manifested in the mind of Bruce Banner and the Hulk is Kluh, which would be absolutely nuts. But that begs the question: Where are the Devil Hulk, Green Skar or Red Hulk personas inside Banner's mind? I'm looking forward to seeing how this all plays out. Plus: Mr. Ottley, I love how you drew Starship Hulk with his armor and hardware all busted up (wondering how that's gonna get fixed, if at all), along with the introduction of another version of Bruce Banner from another universe, possibly introducing us to a Hulk-verse. I also like how his story unraveled

and how the Earth is filled with gamma-powered Hulks including the fact that of all people we see the return of Thunderbolt Ross and how he's running the show on this "Gamma Earth." It was touching, though, seeing what this other Bruce Banner felt—wanting to do good, providing for those who need it, but due to events outside his control, resulting in pain and destruction. It's a humbling and horrific experience. Lastly, one thing caught my eye—the other Bruce called Ross his father-in-law so where's Betty Ross? Was she killed in the gamma blast, turned into a Gamma Hulk? Just so many questions, but I'm looking forward to issue #4 in February which I'm already hyped for.

Sincerely,
Bekeri Bousso

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